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1. ECE EX SECY STANOVNIK CLARIFIED SECRETARIAT AND SOVIET POSITIONS ON PROPOSED AD HOC MEETING OF SENIOR ADVISERS ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO DRAW UP LONG- RANGE WORK PROGRAM, IN LIGHT CONTINUING REPORTS IN WESTERN CAUCUS NEITHER PARTY PRESSING FOR MEETING. STANOVNIK CONFIRMED HE HAD RECEIVED NO REPLIES TO LETTER OF JAN. 15 ASKING FOR GOVERNMENT COMMENTS ON WORK PROGRAM. HE SAID ANANICHEV (USSR) HAD SUGGESTED SOME WEEKS AGO THAT AD HOC MEETING BE HELD PRIOR TO 28 TH PLENARY, BUT THAT STANOVNIK HAD SAID IT IMPOSSIBLE TO SCHEDULE IT BEFORE SEPTEMBER. AS RESULT THIS CONVERSATION, SOVIET MISSION SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED UK MISSION SECRETARIAT NOT KEEN ON HAVING MEETING, AND UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES IT MIGHT BE BETTER HAVE GOVERNMENTS STATE POSITIONS ON WORK PROGRAM DURING 28 TH PLENARY.

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2. REASONS FOR SOVIET INTEREST IN EARLY AD HOC MEETING NOT CLEAR. MOST LIKELY VIEW IS THAT, HAVING BLOCKED WORK PROGRAM AT DECEMBER 1972 FIRST SESSION SENIOR ADVISERS, THEY NOW HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS AND WOULD LIKE TO DRAW UP REASONABLE WORK PROGRAM AS WAS DONE BY SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISERS, THUS AVOIDING EXCESSIVE LOSS OF MOMENTUM IN S AND T PROGRAM IN ECE DURING CURRENT YEAR.

3. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT PROSPECTS FOR PENETRATING DEBATE AND AGREEMENT ON WORK PROGRAM S. AND T. DURING PLENARY NOT BRIGHT IN VIEW OF LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, DELEGATIONS SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED ON MAJOR ELEMENTS OF PROGRAM ELABORATED DURING FIRST SESSION, PARTICULARLY PROPOSALS FOR COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF ENERGY TECHNOLOGY AND COOPERATIVE RESEARCH ARRANGEMENTS RE TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING USE OF NEW MATERIALS. PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION THESE ISSUES AT PLENARY COULD PROVIDE SECRETARIAT USEFUL INSIGHTS ON FUTURE WORK PROGRAM AND MIGHT OBTAIN NEED TO HOLD AD HOC MEETING IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER, LEAVING TASK OF FORMULATING COMPREHENSIVE WORK PROGRAM TO SECOND SESSION SENIOR ADVISERS, SCHEDULED FOR NEXT DECEMBER. RIMESTAD

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